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In re Application of: )  
HAJIZADEH, Kiamars )  
Application No. 09/990,773 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: November 14, 2001 ) Examiner: Swartz, Rodney P.  
For: PRION-DETECTION BUSINESS METHODS )

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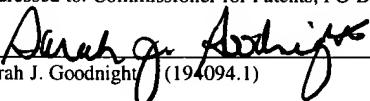
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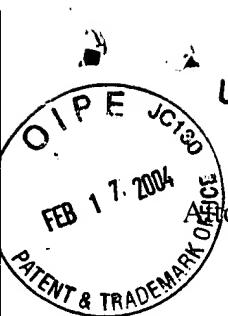
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**REPLY TO DECEMBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on March 17, 2004. Therefore, the filing of this Reply should be considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the remarks set forth below.